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1. PAIGC DELEGATION ARRIVED IN ALGIERS JUNE 1, WAS LODGED IN GOA GUEST HOUSE AND MET WITH FONMIN BOUTE-FLIKA JUNE 3. DELEGATION HEAD PIRES TOLD PRESS THAT DELEGATION INTENDED CONSULT PAIGC AND GUINEA-BISSAU GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP BEFORE RETURNING TO LONDON FOR "SECOND PHASE" OF TALKS JUNE 8.

2. IN AIRPORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND IN INTERVIEW WITH ALGIERS DAILY EL MOUDJAHID, PIRES DESCRIBED NEGOTIATIONS THUS FAR AS ESSENTIALLY AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSITIONS WITH NEW GOP. PAIGC'S POSITION, HE SAID,

REMAINED AS STATED IN MAY 6 DECLARATION -- "RECOGNITION OF REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND RIGHT OF OUR PEOPLE ON CAPE VERDE ISLANDS TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE, AS WELL AS RECOGNITION OF THIS SAME RIGHT TO PEOPLES OF ANGOLA, MOZAMBIQUE, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE." PIRES NEVERTHELESS RECOGNIZED DIFFERENCES IN TREATMENT OF MAINLAND GUINEA AND CAPE VERDES, SAYING THAT WHEREAS MUCH OF FORMER HAD BEEN LIBERATED, LATTER REQUIRED ADDITIONAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT AND THUS PAIGC WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT A TRANSITION PERIOD SO LONG AS PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION WAS RECOGNIZED. REGARDING OTHER PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, PIRES SAID PAIGC INSISTED THAT GOP RECOGNIZE THEIR RIGHT TO INDEPENDENCE BUT IT WAS UP TO PEOPLES OF THOSE TERRITORIES TO DECIDE DETAILS CONCERNING APPROPRIATE APPLICATION OF THIS PRINCIPLE AS WELL AS THEIR RELATIONS WITH FORMER METROPOLE.

3. HIGH-RANKING ALGERIAN OFFICIAL TOLD US JUNE 4 THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO SEE AGREEMENT EMERGE DURING NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS. EAGLETON

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